

Indiana and Kentucky Corrections Officials Brainstorm On Mutual Issues

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From L to R: Jim Schomig, Deputy Commissioner of Adult Institutions, KY, Indiana Department of

Correction Commissioner, J. David Donahue and Mayor of Jeffersonville, Indiana, Robert L. Waiz, Jr.



Michael O'Laughlin, KY Department of Correction and Commissioner Donahue



Commissioner Rees and Deputy Commissioner Lemmon



Deputy Commissioner Von Arx and Commissioner Rees

Corrections officials on both sides of the Ohio River were brainstorming Wednesday morning in a meeting at the Ramada Riverfront in Jeffersonville. The meeting is to discuss issues such as accreditation, training and programs for ex-inmates.

Officials are also talking about ways to maintain security in the event of an emergency. They say corrections departments in both Kentucky and Indiana deal with many of the same issues.

Kentucky Commissioner of Corrections John Rees tells Fox 41 News, "Our problems are the same. We both have older institutions, we've got growing populations, we have different salary issues, so the ability to bring these top managers together and interact for a day and a half is truly going to be beneficial, I believe.

Dave Donahue of the Indiana Department of Corrections says, "The only separation, literally, is the Ohio River. Public safety is our objective, so we talked about what we do well, our best practices, if you will, in each jurisdiction."

This is the first collaboration between the two agencies, but both agree it will not be the last.

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